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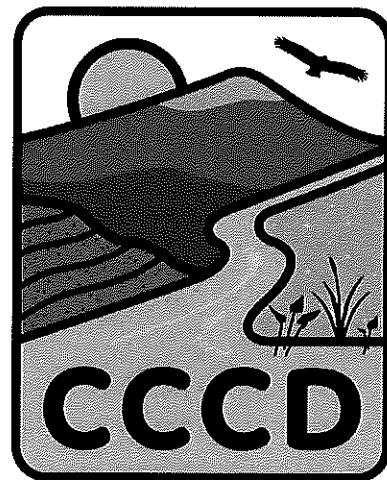
Conservation News October 2021

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See what local conservation events are happening in the upcoming months and review important community info!



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October Blog Article

***Cold River Streambank
Restoration Project: A
Closer Look***

Resources & Services

Discover local resources like our [Find A Local Farm Map](#) always available to you at the Cheshire County Conservation District.

We're here to help with our Farm Rental Equipment

In an effort to support local dairy farms, the CCCD will discount all farm equipment rental fees by 50% for dairy farms during 2021.

Connect with us [on social media](#) for up to date events, articles, and information!

By: Bill Foshier

About three years ago, landowners on both sides of the Cold River approached the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service to see what could be done to protect their fields from ongoing damage, and set in motion a complex streambank restoration project that will be completed later this month!

[Click here to read "Cold River Streambank Restoration Project: A Closer Look"](#)

Join CCCD for the 76th Virtual Annual Meeting!



Celebrate 76 years of Conservation in
Cheshire County

CCCD's 76th Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 26th, 6:30pm

Join Us Virtually

The Cheshire County Conservation District is holding it's


76th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 26th!

Programming for this year's virtual event includes conservation project updates from the CCCD and partners at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), awards for exceptional conservation work in the County presented to Sun Moon Farm as the 2021 Cooperator of the Year, Samuel Jaffe as the 2020 Educator of the Year, and the Monadnock Conservancy as the 2021 Legacy Award recipient.

In addition to honoring our awardees, join us for an engaging and informative keynote address by the Director of the USDA Climate Hubs Program, Dr. David Hollinger.

Dr. Hollinger's keynote address: "Weathering the Change", will explore recent climate trends and their impacts on NH farms and forests. Specifically, their impacts on production, and how operations are increasing their resilience to these changes with climate smart farming and forestry practices

Celebrate 76 years of Conservation in
Cheshire County at CCCD's 76th Annual
Meeting



Keynote Speaker:
Dr. David Hollinger
"Weathering the Change"

Recent climate trends and NH farms and forests have been getting warmer and wetter over recent years with the climate in some ways getting more extreme. Dr. Dave Hollinger, Director of the USDA Northeast Climate Hub, will talk about these trends, impacts on production, and how operations are increasing their resilience to these changes with Climate Smart Farming and Forestry practices.

Tuesday, October 26th 6:30pm
Join Us Virtually

Standard admission for our virtual annual meeting is free, but registration is still requested. Friends of CCCD may also choose to donate through our Eventbrite registration page. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated! In appreciation of any donation \$25 or greater, you will receive an annual meeting watch party gift bag! Gift bag includes locally produced popcorn, a CCCD sticker, and magnet! Donations through Eventbrite must be made by October 15th to receive a watch party gift bag in time for the annual meeting! All proceeds go directly to CCCD's conservation programs!

[Register Here!](#)

Support CCCD's Conservation Programming by Donating to Our Annual Meeting Virtual Auction!

We will be hosting our virtual auction again this year, in an effort to raise funding for the district's conservation programs!

If you have an item, collection of items, or a service you'd like to add to our silent auction - please let us know! We are incredibly appreciative of any and all donations to our auction.

Email us at info@cheshireconservation.org, or give us a call at **603-756-2988 x3011!**

Thank you for helping make this a fun and exciting event to further benefit conservation efforts in Cheshire County!

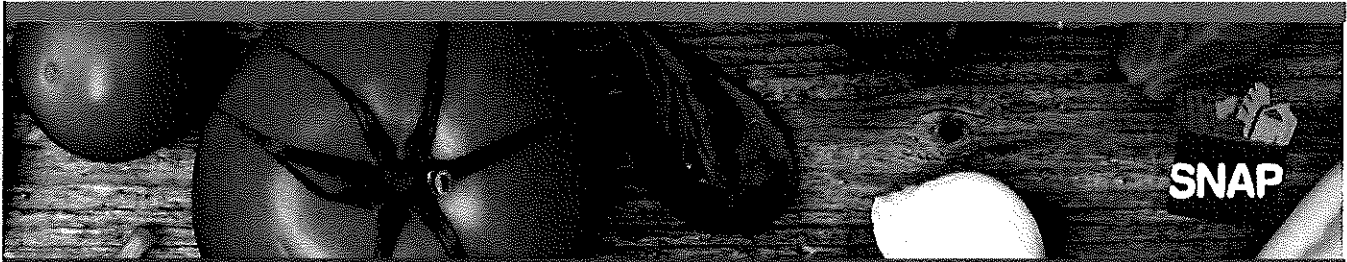
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**Open Mon-Sun
9am-6pm**
Rte. 12 in Walpole



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**Open Sundays
9am-1pm**
Main St. in Hinsdale



**50% CSA shares
with SNAP!**
Winchester, NH



**Open Saturdays
9am-1pm**
Main St. in Winchester



**50% CSA shares
with SNAP!**
Rindge, NH



**M-F: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
Sun: 10am-2pm**
Court St. Keene, NH



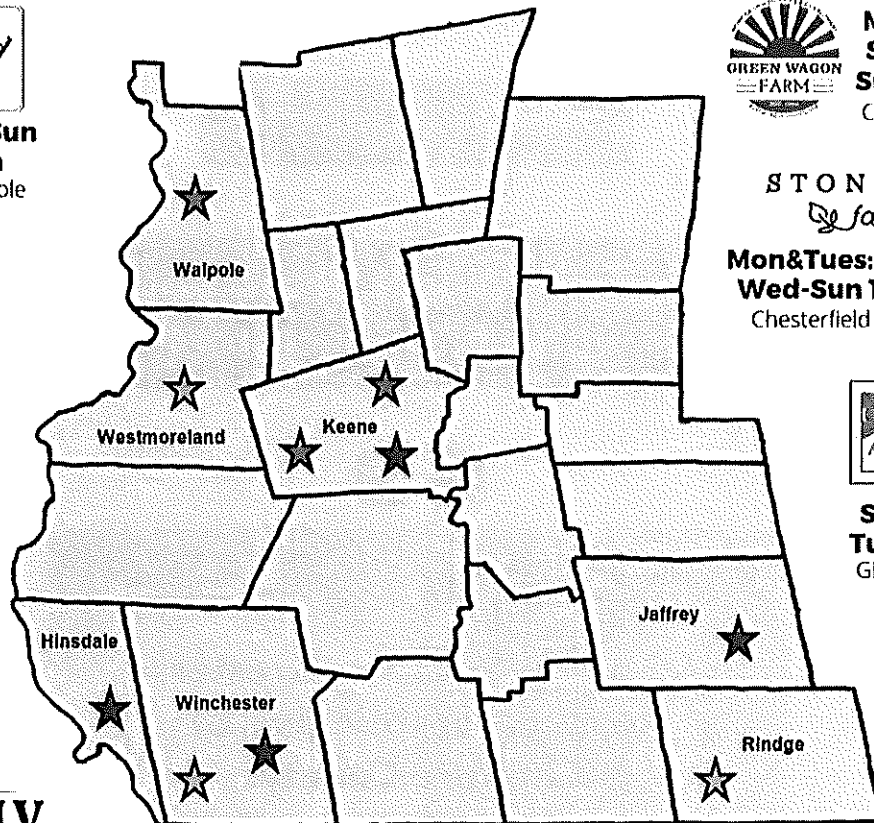
**Mon&Tues: 10am-4pm
Wed-Sun 10am-6pm**
Chesterfield Rd. in Keene



**Sat: 9am-1pm
Tues: 4:30-7pm**
Gilbo Ave. in Keene



**Open Fridays
3pm-6pm**
Main St. in Jaffrey



We want to help you stretch your SNAP!
Visit any or all of these locations and we'll double your SNAP dollars!
www.cheshireconservation.org/granite-state-market-match



New location in Keene!



50% off veggies at Green Wagon with your EBT card!

Green Wagon Farm Stand is located on Court Street in Keene - between the 7/11 gas station and the Savings Bank of Walpole.

EBT accepted & offering Granite State Market Match

[Learn More About GSMM!](#)

Help CCCD Spread the Word! Share your Conservation Events and News with Us on Facebook and Instagram!



**Attention farmers, foresters,
and conservationists of
Cheshire County!**

**Share your events or latest
news with us to share on
our profile or newsletter!**

**Make sure to tag us or send a
DM!**

Skidder Bridge Auction - NOW LIVE!



The CCCD is auctioning off a brand new skidder bridge!

The bridge being auctioned is based on the Heavy Duty Design, there are three panels and each are 4x20', and the timber's size is 6"x10"x20' Hemlock. The winning bidder will be responsible for transportation of the bridge from Long View Forest - Westminster, VT

**To participate in this auction, place your bid online
between August 1st and October 31st!**

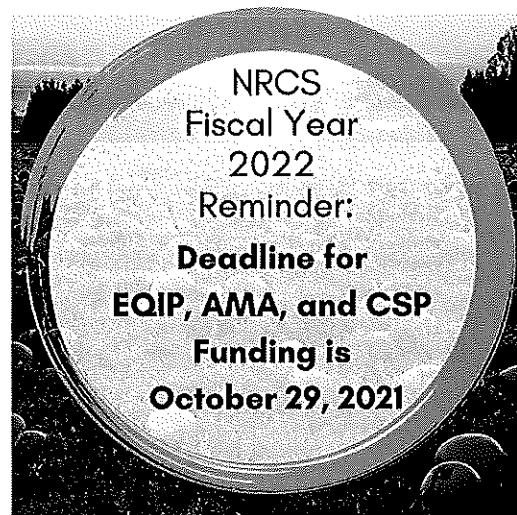
[Click Here to Place Your Bid Today!](#)

NRCS Fiscal Year 2022 is Around the Corner!

Apply for NRCS Fiscal Year 2022 Funding!

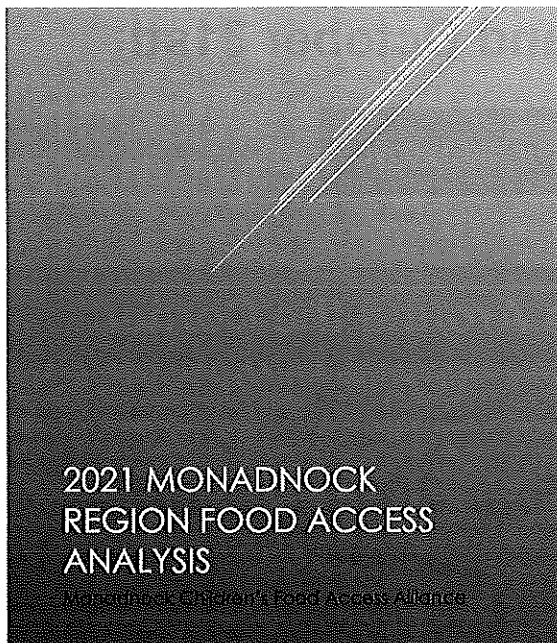
[Click Here to Apply for Funding!](#)

The USDA fiscal new year has just started. That means now is the best time to submit your applications for the NRCS Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Farm Bill financial assistance conservation programs. With the approaching deadline **October 29th** for EQIP, AMA and CSP, the time to submit an application for this fiscal year's funding is now.



[More Information Here!](#)

Events & Community Info



2021 Monadnock Region Food Access Report Community Forum

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021
5:30pm-7:30pm**

Online

A Comprehensive Gaps and Asset Analysis in Children's and Families' Food Security Programs in the Monadnock Region.

The analysis was conducted by Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) during the spring of 2021 on behalf of the Monadnock Children's Food Access Alliance, led by the Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition (MFCC).

Join the MFCC for a two-hour virtual community forum where participants will become familiar with the key findings from the MRFAA report, hear feedback from individuals experiencing food insecurity, and provide input on projects that best address gaps for 2022-2023 implementation.

HELP TO SHAPE FUTURE PROJECTS SURE TO IMPROVE FOOD ACCESS IN THE MONADNOCK REGION!

[More Information and Register Here!](#)

Beech Control - 5 Years Later

**Thursday, October 14, 2021
1:00pm-4:00pm**

Colony Mine Road, Alstead, NH

Join us for a tour of a woodlot that has been managed since the early 80s and was most recently treated in 2016. We will hear from NH Licensed Forester, Peter Renzelman, about past timber stand improvement and American beech control treatments. We will observe the outcomes of these treatments five years later and discuss strategies to promote regeneration of oak and other hardwood species and protecting residual growing stock. This event will be a follow up to the 2016 event at the same location. Be sure to wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to walk in the woods.

Speakers/participants: Peter Renzelman, Licensed Forester Wendy Ward, District Conservationist Matt Kelly, Cheshire County Forester Steve Roberge, State Forestry Specialist

Credits: 3.0 SAF Category 1 CFEs

Register: This event is free but **please register by October 12** by calling 352-4550 or email matt.kelly@unh.edu.



Extension



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Directions:(1/4 mile west of Cobb Hill Rd.intersection) In Alstead from the junction of Rt. 123 and Rt. 123A, head east on Rt. 123 south for 2.1miles. Turn left onto CobbHill Rd. fromRt. 123.Go 1/2mile, turn left on to ColonyMineRd.(Grant Rd.) Look for "FORESTRYMEETING" signs



Thank you this year's Source to Sea River Clean Up Volunteers!

On September 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2021 a large group of enthusiastic volunteers pitched in to help clean up the Ashuelot River in Keene, Swanzey, and Winchester. Volunteers also cleaned up Beaver Brook in Keene as part of the Connecticut River Conservancy's 25th Annual Source to Sea River Cleanup!

We would like to thank the amazing group of volunteers this year! Thank you for getting your hands dirty, to make our rivers clean!

There was a group of students and staff from Keene High School, as well as a group from Keene State College! They were joined by individuals and families throughout the region for a total of over 70 volunteers! Thank you to all who volunteered!

We would like to thank the following groups for their support of the event in organizing and offering volunteers: Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee (ARLAC), Cheshire County Conservation District, City of Keene, Keene State College, Moosewood Ecological, Harris Center for Conservation Education, NH Water Works Association Young Professionals, and the Winchester Conservation Commission.

The Source to Sea Cleanup is an annual event. If you or your organization would like to partner and assist in next year's planning or volunteering, contact the Cheshire County Conservation District at 603-756-2988, ext. 4.

Free Business Planning Course for NH Specialty Crop Producers

Apply October 1st through November 30th, 2021!

The Cheshire County Conservation District, the Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship, and National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) are partnering to host a free 7-week-long business planning course (waived fee of \$600!) for speciality crop producers in New Hampshire. Specialty crops are defined in law as, "fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture". Read the full definition [here](#).

Throughout the course, farmers will learn how to enhance the competitiveness of their business, receive technical assistance, receive peer support from other speciality crop producers, create a business plan, and **will receive a \$2,000 stipend to implement their business plan** after successfully completing the course.

The **application** is due on **November 30th, 2021**. Interested applicants can attend an optional zoom information session on **November 4th, 2021 from 12:00pm-1:00pm**, join [here](#)!

The course will meet in person at the Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship in Keene, NH every Wednesday from 4:00pm-7:00pm, January 12th, 2022 through February 23rd, 2022.

Business Planning Course for NH Specialty Crop Producers

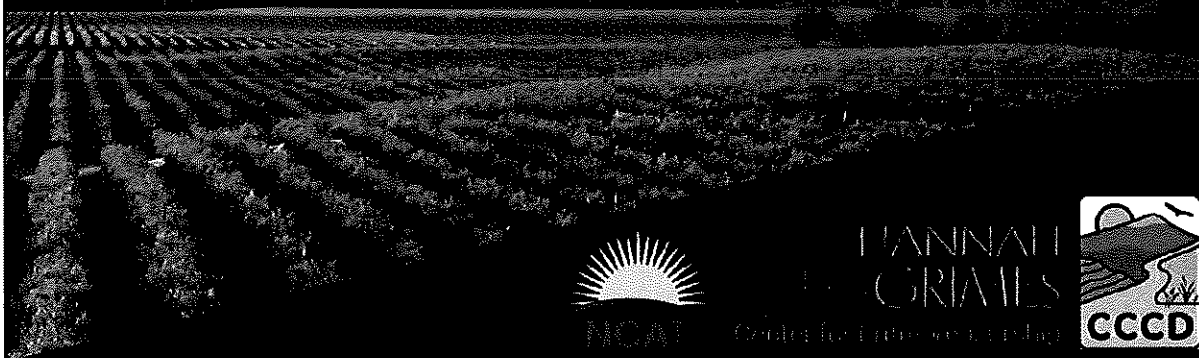
- Free 7-week course! (Waived fee of \$600!)
- Enhance the competitiveness of your business
- Receive technical assistance
- Receive peer support from other speciality crop producers
- Create a business plan
- Receive a \$2,000 stipend to implement your plan!

Course meets every Thursday from
4:00-7:00pm

January 12th-February 23rd, 2022
at Hannah Grimes Center in Keene

cheshireconservation.org/businessplanning

Applications due November 30th!



HANNAH
GRIMES
Center for Entrepreneurship



Funding for this program is provided in part by the New Hampshire Department Of Agriculture and the Markets & Food USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

For more information, or to request a printed application, contact Amanda Littleton at 603-756-2988 ext.4 or email at amanda@cheshireconservation.org

More Information and Apply Here!

2022 NH LAKES & NHACC Municipal Lake Issues Survey



NH LAKES and New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) are seeking input from lake and watershed associations, conservation commissions, and planning boards on lake and watershed issues.



**New Hampshire Association
of Conservation Commissions**

Your feedback will help us determine our legislative and public policy priorities for the coming year and identify ways that NH LAKES can support communities in enacting lake-friendly policies.



**Click the button below to take the online Municipal Lake Issues Survey.
Please respond before November 1, 2021.
The survey should only take you about 20 minutes to fill out!**

2022 Municipal Lake Issue Survey!



For Farmers, By Farmers



USDA to Provide Relief to Small Producers, Processors, Distributors, Farmers Markets Impacted by COVID-19

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced it will soon publish Requests for Applications (RFAs) for the Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grants program to support agricultural stakeholders who haven't yet received substantial federal financial assistance in responding to the COVID-19 crisis. This grant program will provide assistance to small businesses in certain commodity areas, including small scale specialty crop producers, food processors, manufacturers, distributors and farmers markets.

A **grant forecast** is now available to help potential applicants determine their eligibility and to prepare to apply for funding. Eligible entities should visit the PRS grant portal at **usda-prs.grantsolutions.gov** for complete information on the program, including how to obtain a free of charge DUNS Number from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) BEFORE applying for this program.

[More Information and Apply Here!](#)

Resources & Services

Now Accepting Reservations!

The Cheshire County Conservation District provides low-cost farm equipment rentals each year in and around Cheshire County.

This is a valuable cost-saving service to local growers that supports the CCCD's mission of improving soil quality and management through the conservation and responsible use of natural and agricultural resources.

Available Farm Equipment in 2020:

- 7' Haybuster No-Till Drill
- 12' Esch No-Till Drill
- ZRX Roller Crimper Corn Planter
- Roller Crimper
- Wood Ash/Lime Spreader
- Aerway Aerator
- Soil Steamer
- No-Till Vegetable Transplanter
- BCS Tractor
- Subsoiler
- Penetrometer



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EQUIPMENT RENTALS

AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH SOIL HEALTH GOALS



More information about Rental Equipment

If you would like to reserve a piece of farm equipment listed above, contact us at 603-756-2988 ext.4 or send an email to info@cheshireconservation.org

Help Us Update Our Local Farm Map!

Now more than ever, folks straying away from grocery stores and looking to local farms for fresh food, milk, eggs, bread, etc.

Help us ensure that folks know about your farm's offerings, hours, location, & more as we update our Find A Local Farm Map!



How to Update your farm's info:

- Step 1: Visit the CCCD website here
- Step 2: Use the map to locate your farm
- Step 3: Review your farm's listed information
- Step 4: Email us with any necessary updates

Email to: bennee@cheshireconservation.org
Subject line: "Farm Map: "Your Farm Name"

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